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ACTIVE ALCOHOLS OR CARBOXYLIC  
ACIDS

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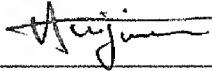
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